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SUBJECT: RFA TRAVEL TO TUNISIA

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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE APPRECIATES RFA'S NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING TRAVEL TO TUNISIA, BUT A LONGER LEAD TIME WOULD BE APPRECIATED IN THE FUTURE.

2. NMFS HAS CHECKED ITS FILES AND FOUND ALMOST NO RECENT INFORMATION ON TUNISIAN FISHERIES. IN 1975, 1976 AND 1977 NO ALERT REPORTING ON FISHERIES WAS RECEIVED FROM THE EMBASSY. CLASSIFIED COVERAGE OF ITALO-TUNISIAN FISHERIES DISPUTE WAS GOOD, BOTH FROM TUNIS AND FROM ROME. HOWEVER, AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN FEBRUARY 1976 NO UPDATE ON THE FUNCTIONING OF THE
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AGREEMENT WAS RECEIVED.

3. INFORMATION ON TUNISIAN FISHERIES WAS SENT BY POUCH ON JUNE 28 IN TWO COPIES, ONE TO CASABLANCA AND ONE TO TUNIS, WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY ARRIVE IN TIME TO BE USEFUL. NMFS SUGGESTS TUNIS KEEP COPIES FOR ITS FISHERIES FILE. INCLUDED WERE A) TRIP REPORT BY NMFS TRANSLATION PROGRAM

LEADER, B) FAO FISHERIES PROFILE, C) MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, D) FAO STATISTICS, E) NEWS CLIPPINGS, AND F) FOREIGN FISHERIES LEAFLET 188.

4. NMFS HAS NO FISHERIES PUBLICATIONS FROM TUNISIA, AND REQUESTS THAT RFA VISIT FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN THEM AND ENSURE THAT NMFS IS PLACED ON MAILING LIST. A BREAKDOWN OF THE TUNISIAN FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION AND A CURRENT FISHERIES BIBLIOGRAPHY IF AVAILABLE, IS ALSO DESIRED.

5. NMFS HAS LEARNED THAT ROK HAS CONCLUDED A FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH TUNISIA. DETAILS ON THIS AND OTHER FISHERY AGREEMENTS OR JOINT VENTURES ARE REQUESTED.

6. NMFS HAS SEEN PRESS REPORTS STATING THAT CHINA (PRC) DONATED 2 PATROL VESSELS TO AID TUNISIA IN ENFORCING ITS TERRITORIAL SEA. DETAILS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PRC MADE A SIMILAR DONATION TO THE CAMEROON. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HAVE A COMMENT ON PRC MOTIVES.

7. TUNIS 4945 OF AUGUST 8, 1974, REPORTS A VISIT BY UAE MINISTER OF FISHERIES CHARKI WHO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING A FISHING PORT AT TABARKA AS A UAE ASSISTANCE PROJECT. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS
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OF THE PROJECT? DO OTHER COUNTRIES PRESENTLY GIVE FISHERIES AID TO TUNISIA? A THOROUGH REVIEW AND EMBASSY'S APPRAISAL OF THE CURRENT FISHERY AID PROJECTS BY COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE U.S. INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE FAO, UNDP, ETC. WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING THE NEED FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE.

8. NMFS APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ISSUE AND SEIZURE OF ITALIAN VESSELS, BUT ALSO NEEDS CURRENT ALERT REPORTING ON JOINT FISHING VENTURES CATCH, FISHERY IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, VESSEL PURCHASES AND OTHER FISHERIES DEVELOPMENTS.

9. NMFS UNDERSTANDS THAT A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN TUNIS JULY 6-8 AND THAT ECON/COMM OFFICER IS LEAVING THE POST AND WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RFA COULD ANSWER MOST OF THESE QUESTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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